

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for a careful review of this application. Claims 9-17 and 22-33 have been rejected. No claims have been amended. Claims 9-17 and 22-33 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Discussion of Rejection of Claims 9-17 and 22-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 9-13, 16-17, 22-27, and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0075675 to Raivisto et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,249,815 to Foladare et al., and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0225654 to Banavar et al.

In Section 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 14-15, 28-29, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0075675 to Raivisto et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,249,815 to Foladare et al., and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0225654 to Banavar et al., as applied to claims 1, 22, and 30, and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0133545 to Fano et al.

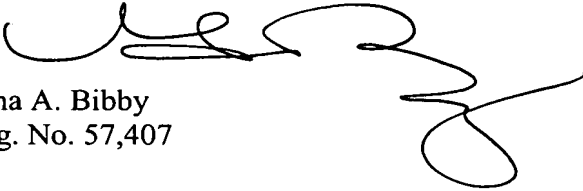
The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully note that the Banavar et al. reference does not constitute prior art against the claims under examination. The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/460,041, entitled "System and Method for Advanced Interactions," filed April 2, 2003. The effective prior art date of the Banavar et al. reference is May 9, 2003, which is later than Applicants' April 2, 2003 priority date.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that independent Claims 9, 22, and 30, and Claims 10-17, 23-29, and 31-33, which respectively depend therefrom, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Raivisto et al. in view of Foladare et al., in view of Banavar et al., and further in view of Fano et al. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration, and withdrawal of the § 103 rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims 9-17, and 22-33 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6920. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP324). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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